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Docket No.: 300622000123
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Chaitan KHOSLA et al.

Application No.: 09/925,236

Filed: August 8, 2001

For: RECOMBINANT PRODUCTION OF NOVEL
POLYKETIDES (amended hereinbelow)

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: N. Nashed

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 13 August 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 13 November 2004. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 13 January 2005 is enclosed, along with the required fee. The considered claims, claims 96-101, were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the title of the application to read as follows:

RECOMBINANT PRODUCTION OF NOVEL POLYKETIDES

METHODS TO PREPARE CELLS COMPRISING HETEROLOGOUS POLYKETIDE

SYNTHASE EXPRESSION SYSTEMS